

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American)	
Water Company's Request for Authority)	
to Implement a General Rate Increase)	<u>Case No. WR-2007-0216, et al.</u>
for Water Service Provided in Missouri)	
Service Areas.)	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO POSTPONE START OF HEARING

Issue Date: August 3, 2007

Effective Date: August 3, 2007

On February 22, 2007, the Missouri Public Service Commission issued an order scheduling an evidentiary hearing in this case to begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 6, and conclude on Friday, August 17, 2007. On August 3, the Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) filed a Motion to Postpone Start of the Evidentiary Hearing.

In its motion, MAWC advised the Commission that all the parties to this case, except the City of Joplin, Missouri, are in the process of preparing a Nonunanimous Stipulation and Agreement. MAWC advised the Commission that, although the parties have been working diligently to reduce their agreement to writing and file that agreement with the Commission, they will not be able to do so by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 3, 2007. MAWC further advised the Commission that, although the City of Joplin has indicated it intends to oppose the Nonunanimous Stipulation and Agreement and request a hearing, the City of Joplin is likely to ask for a hearing on less than the complete list of previously identified issues.

To afford all parties, except the City of Joplin, an opportunity to reduce their agreement to a writing and file that agreement, MAWC requests that the start of the hearing on Monday, August 6, 2007, be delayed from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Commission finds MAWC's request to be reasonable and it will be granted.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Missouri-American Water Company's Motion to Postpone Start of the Evidentiary Hearing is granted.
2. This order shall become effective on August 3, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Cherlyn D. Voss, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 3rd day of August, 2007.